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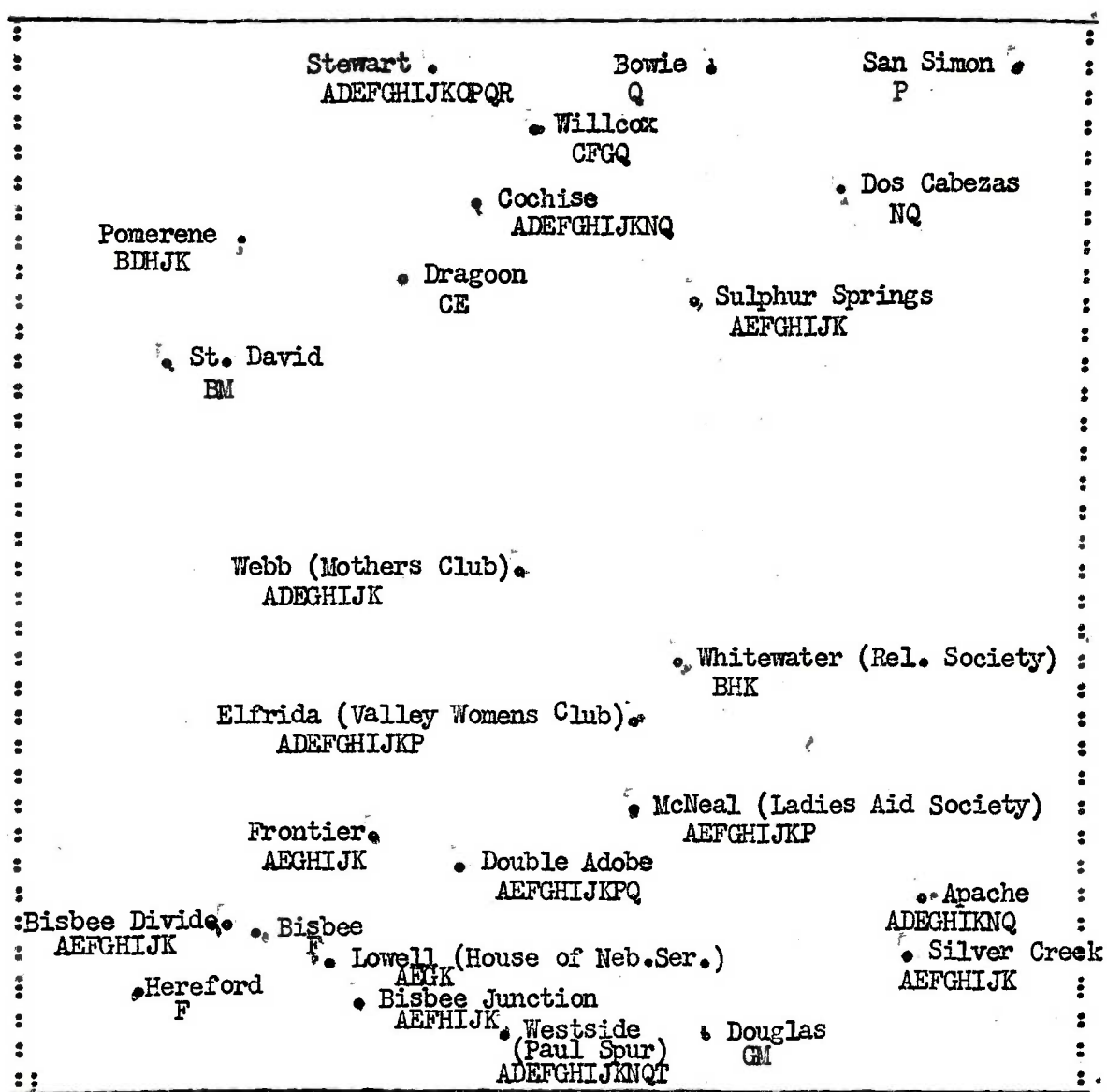
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MAP OF COCHISE COUNTY SHOWING ACTIVITIES OF THE YEAR  
COCHISE COUNTY



Adult WORK

- A. Homemakers
- B. Relief Societies
- C. Federated Clubs
- D. Country Life Conference
- E. County Council
- F. House Furnishings
- G. Nutrition
- H. Food Preservation and Storage
- I. Food Selection and Preparation
- J. Other Health and Safety
- K. Clothing and Textiles
- L. Recreation and Community Life
- M. Fairs

Junior Work

- N. 4-H Handicraft
- O. 4-H Food Preservation
- P. 4-H Food Selection and Preparation
- Q. 4-H Clothing and Textiles
- R. 4-H Room Improvement
- T. 4-H Gardening

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Report Summary - December 1, 1947 to November 30, 1948

Days spent in office . . . . .	125
Days spent in the field . . . . .	166
Days spent conducting work with adults . . . . .	227
Days spent in junior work . . . . .	64

Adult work has been carried on in 21 communities through 13 Homemakers Clubs, the House of Neighborly Service, 3 Relief Societies, 3 Federated Clubs, 1 community and individual contacts.

30 homemakers attended Country Life Conference in Tucson, 70 attended the February Council meeting and 36 attended the September Council meeting.

106 method demonstrations were conducted by the Agent with a total of 1561 homemakers. There were 66 meetings conducted by leaders with a total of 932 homemakers, at which the Agent did not attend.

8 leaders training meetings were held with a total of 63 leaders.

18 meetings were conducted by specialists with a total of 304 homemakers and husbands in attendance. These were the Special Interest meetings only.

Subject Matter -

Clothing - Making a Comfortable House Dress, The New Look, Xmas Gift Suggestions, and Stenciling.

Foods - Freezing, Canning and Spoilage, Pressure Gage Clinics, Feeding the Family on a Low Income, and Serving Buffet Meals.

Home Management and Furnishings - Problem Window Treatments, Draper Construction, Arizona Woman and Property Laws.

Health - Insect Control.

A total of 221 home visits were made to 103 different homes. 445 office calls and 181 telephone calls were received. 76 news stories were published and 38 radio broadcasts made. 3,053 bulletins were distributed.

COCHISE COUNTY DELEGATION AT  
COUNTRY LIFE CONFERENCE





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## EXTENSION ORGANIZATION AND PLANNING

### Country Life Conference

The highlights of this Conference were -- talks on

1. Better Living Habits
  - a. Through education
  - b. Music
  - c. Books
  - d. Adolescent problems
2. Interior Planning and Decorating
3. County Report Roundtable
4. Tours

The women express their appreciation for the fine food and recreational facilities of the Conference. They especially enjoyed the increased amount of community singing at the meetings.

### Cochise County Council

Two Council meetings were held during the year.

At the one in February at Willcox the Stewart Homemakers were the hostesses and provided a part of the program. The County Program for 1948 was accepted at this meeting and a 4-H County Committee was selected. The main speaker was Miss Rut Wallenstein of Sweden who gave a very interesting talk about her country.

The September Council meeting was more of a work meeting. New officers were elected and installed, committee reports were made, and a short program was given. Miss Jennie Welcome showed the film, "Books and People" and explained the need for a County Library System. Miss Jo Schlauchter of Bisbee Divide Homemakers talked on the need for better trained teachers to handle speech and hearing defects in children. Those present also made recommendations for the next year's County Program.

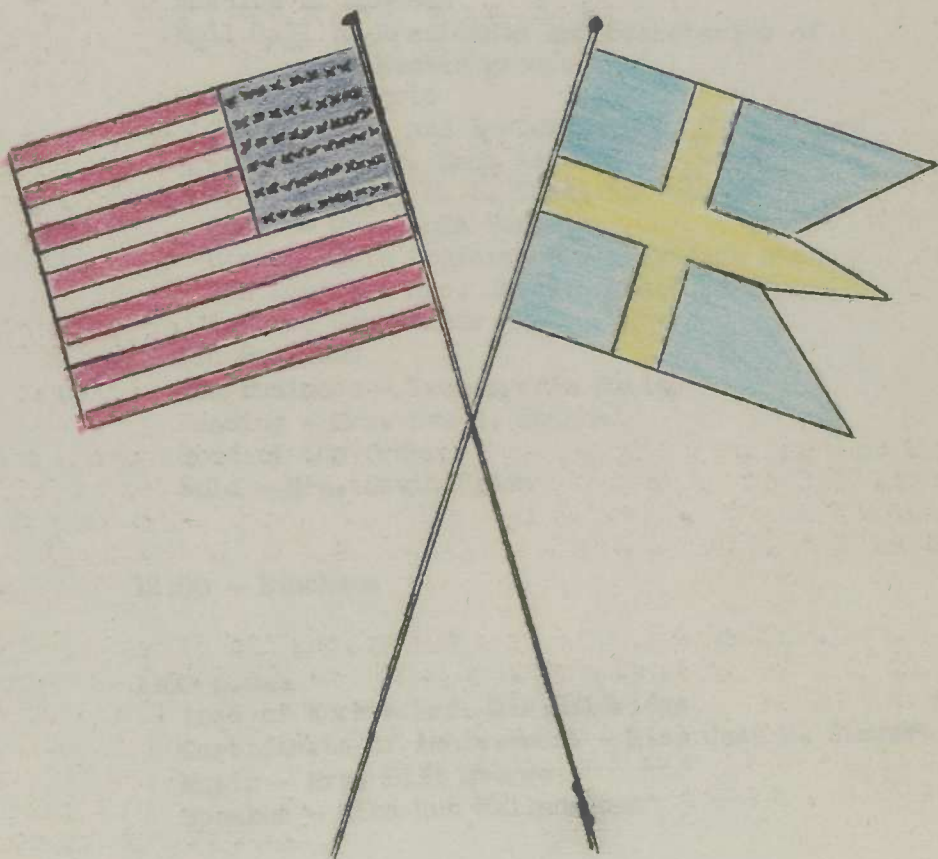
### Conferences and Schools Attended

Annual Extension Conference - December 15 - 19, 1947, Tucson  
Country Life Conference - June 2 - 5, 1948, Tucson  
Home Demonstration Agent's Conference - August 23 -28, Flagstaff



PROGRAM

COCHISE COUNTY COUNCIL  
February 23, 1948



## ORDER OF THE DAY

10:00 a.m.

Welcome by Mrs. R. L. Whitlow

Reading of Minutes

Roll Call of Presidents and Secretaries of  
Member groups

Committee Reports

Constitution and By-Laws - Mrs. Jack Waters

Program - Mrs. Leda Patterson

Health - Mrs. W. L. Chastain

Creed - Mrs. Lola Dunaway

Country Life Conference - Mrs. Jack Neal

4-H Report - Mrs. James Glasscock

Approve Committees

Old Business

New Business - Treasurer's duties

Reading - Mrs. Eva G. Kuschel

Good of the Order

Solo - Mrs. David Ogden

12:00 - Luncheon

1:00 p.m.

Load of Work - Mrs. Mae Baldrige

Certificate of Achievement - Miss Jean M. Stewart

Music - Mrs. Bill George

Speaker - Miss Rut Wallensteen

COUNTY ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1st		Cochise Homemakers *	Sulphur Springs Homemakers **	Stewart Homemakers	*	
2nd		Frontier Homemakers	McNeal Ladies Aid (3 or 4) Webb Mothers Cl.		*	
3rd		Double Adobe Homemakers	Valley Women's Club	Silver Creek Homemakers	Bisbee Divide Homemakers *	
4th		Westside Homemakers		Apache Homemakers **	Bisbee Junc. House of Neb. Service (2-4) *	

\* 4-H Clubs \*

### Meeting Dates

- Cochise  
 Dos Cabezas }  
 Willcox }  
 Bowie }  
 San Simon }  
 Paul Spur }  
 Apache }  
 Elfrida }  
 McNeal }  
 Double Adobe-

Other Clubs Interested

- Other Clubs Interested  
 Pomerene } Relief Societies  
 St. David } work day is 2nd  
 Whitewater } Tuesday of each month
- Dragon Woman's Club  
 Tombstone-Business and Professional  
     Woman's Club  
 Hereford - Palominas Club  
 Rucker Homemakers  
 Douglas - Clawson P.T.A.

6.

Cooperative Extension Work  
in  
Agriculture and Home Economics  
State of Arizona

University of Arizona  
College of Agriculture  
U. S. Department of Agriculture  
And Cochise County Cooperating

Agricultural Extension Service  
Home Demonstration Work  
County Agent Work

Willcox  
March 25, 1948

Dear President:

Before we forget the details of the County Council meeting which was held in Willcox on February 23, 1948, I am sending a copy of the minutes taken at this meeting. Will you please check through them and mark down any errors or omissions that you find so that you will be ready to present it at the next Council meeting.

Roll Call at the Council was taken by groups and by Secretaries and Treasurers. There was a very good turn out for this meeting, as nearly every homemakers club was represented. There were 70 in attendance at the luncheon.

Last fall when the program was arranged it was suggested that the clubs send to me household hints and these in turn will be sent to the clubs as a Round Robin. I am wondering if your clubs would like to start this at this time, sending me hints each month and I will combine them and send copies of our combined efforts in a Round Robin.

Sincerely,

*Mae Baldridge*

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County Home Dem. Agent  
Willcox, Arizona

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## ROLL CALL BY ORGANIZATIONS

## Total Attendance

3	1. Westside
	Mrs. Ream, Pres.
	Mrs. Schmidt, Sec. in place of Mrs. Whitlow
1	2. Apache
	Mrs. Nowlin, Pres.
	No Sec.
3	3. Silver Creek
	Mrs. Charles Bloomquist, Pres
	Mrs. J. O. Bloomquist, Sec.
4	4. Bisbee Junction
	Mrs. Hall, Pres.
	Mrs. Hodges, Sec.
2	5. McNeal Ladies Aid
	Mrs. King, Pres.
	Mrs. Davis, Sec.
2	6. Valley Women's Club
	Mrs. McGinty, Pres.
	Mrs. Tanner, Sec.
3	7. Sulphur Springs
	Mrs. Forsyth, Pres.
	Mrs. Larking, Sec.
29	8. Stewart
	Mrs. Pregonzer, Pres.
	Mrs. Mary Jewell Harris, Sec.
4	9. Bisbee Divide
	Mrs. Crane, Pres.
	Mrs. Keller, Sec.
	10. Rucker - Not represented
4	11. Frontier
	Mrs. Hisey, Pres.
	Mrs. Sanders, Sec.
1	12. Double Adobe
	Mrs. Carpenter, Sec.
2	13. Webb Mother's Club
	Mrs. Saylor, Pres.
	Mrs. Stark, Representing Mrs. Glasscock
	14. Whitewater Relief
2	15. Cochise
	Mrs. Graham, Pres.
2	16. Dragoon
	Mrs. Ligier, Sec.
	17. House of Neighborly Service
	18. Business and Professional Women - Tombstone
	19. Pomerene
	20. Palominas
	21. St. David
4	Extension Dept.
4	Other guests

The County Council met at the Womans Club in Willcox, February 23, 1948.

Alice Whitlow called the meeting to order and gave a short speech of welcome. As the Secretary had not arrived the meeting proceeded to the committee reports.

Reports were given on health by Mrs. M. L. Chastain, Creed by Mrs. Mary Jewell Harris, and Country Life Conference by Mrs. Jack Neal. The Creed was voted on, accepted and the committee dismissed.

Mrs. Glasscock was absent so her report was postponed. Mrs. May Schmidt moved that the reports be approved and Mrs. M. L. Chastain seconded it.

The Secretary arrived and read the minutes of the last meeting and also the minutes of a special executive meeting.

Then there was a roll call of Presidents and Secretaries of member groups.

Mrs. McGinty read Mrs. Patterson's report on the program. Mrs. Schmidt moved we accept it, and Mrs. Davis seconded it.

Mrs. Baldrige presented the constitution and by-laws for us to vote on. Mrs. Pregonzer moved that we accept them and Mrs. Hall seconded it. The motion carried.

#### No Old Business

#### New Business

It was decided that the duties of the treasurer were

1. Provide cards or corresponding material
2. To register the members and hand out cards at meetings
3. Collect money for lunches
4. Pay bills after the meeting

We decided to assess each Club one dollar a year for future needs of the Council. This to be paid to the treasurer within sixty days. Mrs. Ream moved we accept this motion, and Mrs. King seconded it. Mrs. Pregonzer moved this motion be added to the constitution and Mrs. Gibbons seconded it. The motion carried.

At this point Mrs. Baldrige gave Mrs. Glasscock's 4-H report. She stresses the fact that there was a need for the mothers in every community to form a committee to help out with 4-H Club Work. She asked for a 4-H Council Committee to sponsor 4-H meetings in Tucson, County Fairs, etc. Mrs. Stark, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Hisey, Mrs. Schmidt, and Mrs. Glasscock were appointed to serve on the committee.

Mrs. Eva Kuschel gave one of her very interesting dish pan talks.

#### Twelve o'clock.

We were served luncheon by the Stewart Homemakers in the dining hall of the Womans Club. Mrs. David Ogden entertained with two lovely solos.

#### One o'clock - afternoon session.

At One o'clock the meeting opened with Mrs. Nowlin conducting a Round Table discussion of problems that face the clubs. Getting members to take their turns at being hostess seemed to be a problem in some clubs. Here are some of the suggestions.

1. Each member be responsible for her birth month
2. Have a year book or calendar and make every woman responsible for her month
3. Co-hostess might help
4. Take up collection to help hostess pay for meat

Mrs. Bloomquist explained that their club is so small it is a problem to appoint women on committees, and take part in a lot of things, and suggested that they be allowed to join another club, maybe Westside.



Suggestions made by the women for Country Life Conference.

1. Too many programs at the same hour
2. More singing
3. More shopping time
4. A thirty-minute rest period following lunch
5. No program the first night
6. More dancing
7. More movies

Discussion of visiting days at the Safford Extension Farm House

1. It has been suggested to the Dean at U. of A. that a day or two each month be set aside to visit
2. Also that signs could be put up nearby with the dates and times to visit
3. An individual or a group could write and make an appointment

Mrs. Baldrige spoke about her load of work. She needs more time to organize and work with the 4-H Clubs. With the absence of a county agent she has to help out with the 4-H boys. Rucker Canyon and Tombstone need help so if we could arrange some meetings of two or more clubs, she would be able to be with us more.

Miss Stewart presented a Certificate of Achievement to the Valley Womens Club of Elfrida for achieving a certain goal for the year.

Mrs. Mark Cook gave a reading about a woman learning to drive a car.

Rut Wallensteen, an extension worker in Sweeden, who is on a visit to the U. S., talked to us about her native Sweeden. Sweeden has a population of six million. They are all swedes, speak the same language, have the same religion, and the same background. Their work is socialized and done cooperatively. This is to conserve their resources, money, time and health. The women, whose husbands fall in the low income group, have paid vacations. They have trained Social Domestic Helpers, who take care of the families when the wives go on vacations, or in case of sickness. Rich or poor, one draws a state pension at the age of sixty-five. The old folks have nice homes to go to, or apartment houses with a common kitchen, and a nurse to look after them.

Hospital care costs about seventy-five cents a day. The parents are paid seventy-five dollars for the birth of every child, and seventy-five dollars every consecutive year until the child is fourteen. At the age of thirteen or fourteen every girl must have six weeks of intense home training.

Potatoes, meat, which includes much fish, and rye bread is their main diet.

For entertainment they have singing, dancing, the movies, and a lot of visiting. They have a slogan that means - keep smiling, take it easy, do not cook so much. The transportation is mostly by bicycle, they have very little gasoline for cars, and the roads are poor on account of the cold and rugged country.

It was moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn.



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### Program Planning

At the September Council meeting the women were divided into four groups - clothing, foods, home management and furnishings, and community needs. 500 cards had been sent out in the county letter asking each person to send a list of her own needs. 150 of these cards were returned to the Agent with a wealth of suggestions for next years program. These were considered and recommendations made for the final program planning meeting.

Seven clubs were represented at the Program Planning meeting at the Whitewater School on October 18th. The recommendations made at the County Council were considered along with a program of the L.D.S. Clubs. The following suggestions were made for the next years program: (1) that each club plan it's program after the years program has been accepted by the State Office, (2) that these programs be outlined in a club members year book so that each member will know from month to month what to expect, (3) that the program planning committee contact other state Extension Services and obtain a list of minor projects which could be used on the months that the Agent will not be in attendance at their meetings, (4) that these recommendations be compiled and from them the clubs may choose subjects and ask that the State Office assist them with these programs by the loan envelope method, (5) that the following projects be considered by the State Office for this county's program for 1949: Use of Patterns, Wood Refinishing, Meal Planning, Sewing Machine Clinics, First Aid, Budgets, Drapery Construction Workshop, Pruning Demonstrations, Pressure Canner Testing Clinics to be conducted where needed, and Freezing. From this program each club will make their selections.

Miss Jean M. Stewart, State Leader, spent 11 days during the year assisting the Agent in making and presenting her county plan of work.

### Miscellaneous

Miss Margaret Smith and her sister of Maryland visited the Agent one day in May. She attended the Sulphur Spring meeting with the Agent and Mr. Paul Waltz, who gave a talk on "Arizona Woman and Property Laws." Miss Smith was on Sabatical Leave.

Mrs. R. L. Whitlow, retiring Council president, attended four homemaker's club meetings besides her own. This was so that she would become more familiar with the women in the county, and know their needs.

Mr. A. B. Ballantyne, Rural Sociologist, was in the county two different evenings and the Agent attended the meetings with him. He presented the results of a survey which had been made in the Pomerene and St. David communities. The Agent also gave a short talk on the county program for this year and offered to help these communities wherever possible.

The Agent gave a talk one evening to the Gentian Club of the Willcox High School. The subject of the talk was "Careers in Home Economics". One girl seemed quite interested and asked for a book on careers to guide her. She is now enrolled at the University of Arizona in Home Economics.

The Club Reporter writes Her Own Story of  
a Meeting

### ***Mothers Club Given Instruction In Testing Cookers***

The Webb's Mothers clubs' all day meeting was held Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Katie Kuykendall. The morning was spent in home demonstration at which time instruction was given in testing pressure cookers.

A roast beef dinner was served at noon. After dinner a business session was conducted by Mrs. John Saylor, president. Plans were discussed for the members to attend the Country Life conference at Tucson and for a chicken dinner in June.

Mrs. Sally McLaughlin, vice-president, resigned and Mrs. Kuykendall was appointed to fill her place.

Members present other than those whose names have been mentioned before were Mrs. Lucille Tate, Mrs. Louise Turner, Mrs. Maureen Glasscock, Mrs. R. H. Olson, Mrs. R. G. McBride, Mrs. Dolp Winkler, Mrs. Gail Price and son, Mrs. R. E. Griner, Mrs. Lydia Johnson, Mrs. Ada Cheney and Mrs. Emma Davis. N. B. Igo, father of Mrs. Kuykendall, was a visitor.

NEWS ARTICLES SENT FROM TUCSON DIRECT TO  
THE PAPERS DO GET PUBLISHED

**PEANUTS HAVE  
SPECIAL USES**

Don't overlook peanut possibilities from "soup to desserts", advises Reva Lincoln, extension nutritionist for the University of Arizona.

Peanuts and vegetable combinations are among the less familiar dishes, but the flavor of peanuts is good with such vegetables as cabbage, celery, egg plant, onions and potatoes. Besides giving special flavor to a dish, peanuts add some protein, B-vitamins and fat. Using them often in meals, therefore, builds up nutritive value.

**Peanut butter sauce** is especially good on cooked cabbage, onions or cauliflower and is easily made. Very little flour is needed in this sauce because the peanut butter thickens the liquid as it cooks.

For about one cup of peanut butter sauce, use: 1 tablespoon table fat; ¼ cup peanut butter; 2 teaspoons flour; ½ teaspoon salt; pepper; and 1 cup milk.

To make: Melt fat over boiling water. Blend in peanut butter. Add flour and seasonings and stir until smooth. Then stir in the cold milk slowly. Cook over boiling water until thickened, stirring constantly.

A new USDA leaflet "Peanut and Peanut Butter Recipes" (A IS-68) includes directions for making soup, main dishes, vegetable dishes, breads, cakes, sandwich fillings, salads, salad dressings, sauces and deserts. A copy may be had free for the ask

**Arizona Delegates Will  
Return From 4-H  
National Camp**

Arizona's delegates to the National 4-H Club Camp in Washington, D. C., will return this week-end with a new and broader outlook of the nation's 4-H club program and of the nation itself, declares Kenneth L. McKee, Arizona's state 4-H leader who also made the trip.

Clarence Huber of Mesa, Charlotte Thurston of Tucson, Billie Simons of Yuma and Pete Segulja of Gadsen were selected as Arizona's outstanding 4-H members to represent the state at the Camp this year. When they return to their respective communities and counties, they will report to the other 4-H club members of the state on national camp activities.

Highlights of the Camp, which was held from June 16 to 23, include tours of capitol buildings and the capitol itself, talks and discussions on the general theme of "Creating Better Homes Today for a More Responsible Citizenship Tomorrow," special 4-H club ceremonies, and contact with leading 4-H club members from 47 states.

Arizona's delegates were chosen on the basis of 4-H achievement and local leadership ability and experience, McKee points out. Part of their assignment is to bring back to their state a true picture of our national government and of the national 4-H organization and program of better rural living.

**FLIES CAN BE CONTROLLED**

Arizona communities and farms need not be pestered with flies during 1948, declares Dr. J. N. Roney, extension entomologist for the University of Arizona.

By the proper use of DDT on an individual and community cooperative basis, excellent control results can be obtained. But such campaigns require full cooperation of all residents of a community, plus careful planning.

In controlling flies and mosquitoes, be sure to locate the sources of the infestation. These may be in back yards, garbage disposal equipment, storm-sewer pits, fish ponds, sewage-disposal plants, stagnant water holes, city dumps, playgrounds and parks, or in any other place where garbage or other materials may be thrown away or where water stands.

After location of the infestation sources, the next step is to plan the campaign. Find out the approximate cost of a complete campaign and stop at nothing less than a thorough job. With this information, "sell" your community on the need for fly control—then get everyone to help.

Airplane spraying may help in some cases, but must be done in connection with individual and community spraying on the ground. A complete job is necessary for success.

The county agricultural agent or home demonstration agent can supply fly-control information and specific directions for use of DDT. Fly & mosquito control campaign posters, folders and windshield stickers are also available from the extension office for such campaigns.

ing from your county home demonstration agent.



# 400 Women Enrolled In Homemaker Clubs

More than 400 women are enrolled in homemakers clubs in Cochise county, Mrs. Mae Baldrige, home demonstration agent, revealed as she summed up the work carried on by her department during the last year as a part of her observance of national home demonstration week.

Three clubs, other than the homemakers, and three relief societies have called upon the home demonstration agent to help with one or two programs during the year.

Last fall the women worked with their kitchen storage problems and learned how to construct simple little shelves for storing articles. The most popular of these were the spice shelves and step shelves. Proof in the popularity is evident by the fact that more than 50 Cochise homes have installed some new type of storage equipment as a result of these studies.

## New Method

After the usual Christmas parties were over, the women made a study of better methods for serving their luncheons at their meetings—under the name of Serving a Buffet Meal. This meal was planned and prepared for serving by a few of the women, instead of the usual pot luck type. The new method proved so popular that the clubs have appointed committees to continue this procedure during the coming year. The Frontier homemakers selected one member to plan the menus and to appoint the various committee members to prepare and serve the meals.

The big project this spring has been that of making a comfortable house dress. Six leaders training meetings were held—three at Wickenburg and three at Douglas—at which clothing leaders from all of the 13 clubs and two relief societies were given training by Miss Helen Church, state clothing specialist. They, in turn took it back to their respective groups for three meetings.

## Pruning Demonstration

Realizing that all members do not have the same interests, Mrs. Baldrige arranged several special interest meetings for this spring. Some of these were five pruning demonstrations near Willcox, Elfrida, Bisbee and Douglas; six baby chick talks in Pomerene, Willcox, Elfrida, Double Adobe and Silver Creek; three landscaping demonstrations in Elfrida, McNeal and Double Adobe; and one house planning meeting in Elfrida. These meetings were arranged and planned by Mrs. Baldrige, to meet special requests of the homemakers and their families.

The homemakers have a full program planned for the remainder of this year. The month of May has been set aside for a study of the Arizona laws. In conjunction with the program lawyers have been invited to attend their meetings and to help with this study.

## Stenciling Program

Cochise county women have also been advised by the home demonstration agent to test their pressure canner gauges this month in order to have them in readiness when the canning season opens. Other programs for the month include stenciling, flower arrangements, insect control, draperies and window treatments, feeding the family on a low income and Christmas gift suggestions.

Like all organized groups, the homemakers have a state-wide meeting called the Country Life conference, which will be held from June 2 through June 5 in Tucson. Cochise county, Mrs. Baldrige stated, has the record of sending one of the largest delegations to this meeting in past years—a record she hopes the women will uphold this time. The conference is devoted to lecture sessions, recreational periods and round table discussions, where new ideas are exchanged.

## 4-H Committee

A new county committee which was formed during the last year was the 4-H committee. These women are helping with the various 4-H activities in the county such as judging at elimination contests, helping to obtain funds for 4-H potlucks, locating new club leaders and assisting at the county fair.

Two of the homemaker clubs, Webb Mothers club and Valley Women have also appointed their own 4-H committees to help with their community 4-H clubs.

Homemakers clubs, Mrs. Baldrige explained, are designed to help all rural women of the county, and new clubs are organized by the home demonstration agent whenever there are requests for them.

## Douglas Woman President

The following are the names of the homemakers clubs already organized and their president: Stewart, Mrs. Ruth Pregenzer; Cochise, Mrs. Mabel Graham; Sulphur Springs, Mrs. Letha Forsyth; Frontier, Mrs. Emma Frey; McNeal Ladies Aid, Mrs. Henry King; Webb Mothers club, Mrs. John Saylor; Double Adobe, Mrs. Georgia Scott; Valley Women, Mrs. Larada McGinty; Silver Creek, Mrs. Charles Bloomquist; Bisbee Divide, Mrs. Frank Crane; Westside, Mrs. Charles Ream; Apache, Mrs. A. C. Greenamyre; Bisbee Junction, Mrs. M. M. Bohlen. Mrs. R. L. Whitlow of Douglas is the county president of the homemakers.

## ANNOUNCING COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

# County Council Of Homemakers Meets Today

The Cochise county Homemakers Council meeting is planned for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday the Douglas YMCA building. A luncheon will be served following the reports of committees and the election of officers.

All presidents and secretaries of affiliated clubs or other clubs interested in participating in extension work are privileged to vote during the business meeting, which will also be held during the morning session. Any other club member is invited to attend all or part of the meeting.

Mrs. R. L. Whitlow of Douglas, retiring president, will conduct the meeting. New officers elected will be installed during the afternoon session by Miss Jean Stewart, state home demonstration agent.

The state library situation will be summarized by Miss Jennie Welcome. A film on the subject will accompany her talk. Miss Jo Schlachter of Bisbee is to give a talk on Speech and Reading Problems of Children in Cochise county.

The council will also discuss the homemaker's needs for the coming year, and make suggestions for the 1949 program. These suggestions will be summarized later by a special program planning committee.

Reservations for the luncheon may be made by calling Mrs. Whitlow at 309-J.

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### Miscellaneous, cont.

In June the Agent called a meeting of six club presidents representing the lower Sulphur Springs Valley, including Elfrida, McNeal and Double Adobe areas. This meeting was planned to ask the presidents for their cooperation in planning the Insect Control meeting and to establish a date for their talk by a local lawyer. They also discussed a library agency plan and made notes as to what could be done in this line. Only about an hour was used and the presidents felt that this was a worthwhile effort. Four out of the six presidents who were invited were present and it was voted to conduct such a meeting three or four times a year.

The Agent spent 101 days with Extension Organization and Planning. Work was carried on in 21 communities in the county. 13 groups are organized to carry adult extension work, there are 3 Relief Societies, and 3 Federated Clubs, the House of Neighborly Service and one other community who have done some of the Extension Work. There is a total enrollment of 533 homemakers.

### Radio

The Agent made five 15-minute radio talks in this field and helped on three Dinner Bell Programs. These were as follows: (1) H.D.A. work in county; (2) Questions and Answer program with new County Agent and Lee Boner, station announcer; (3) Dinner Bell program with County Agent and station announcer on county projects; (4) With Mrs. James Glasscock and Mrs. R. L. Whitlow on Country Life Conference plans; (5 & 6) With Maud Longwell and others at Country Life Conference; (7) Report to county on Country Life Conference events; (8) With Mrs. Jack Neal on future plans of County Council.

### News

A County Letter started in May is being sent to all of the Homemakers, the five newspapers, and two radio stations. This letter goes out near the end of the month and highlights the events to happen the next month, the schedule of meetings for that month, and timely bulletins available. The newspapers have published good articles covering these letters. Before the County Letter was started the Agent sent weekly schedules of meetings to the papers.

News articles were published announcing the Council meetings and Country Life Conference, also, on the report of these meetings. A special news article reporting the activities of the Agent and the homemakers Clubs was published for National Home Demonstration Week.

### Fairs

#### Cochise County Fair

The Agent spent three days attending Fair Board meetings and in helping the superintendents work out suitable premium lists. Mention was made of the Fair at all of the Homemaker's Clubs, and the Agent helped the women select some of



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Dear Homemaker:

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Here are some of the highlights for the month of August.

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What can I Do With These Windows???

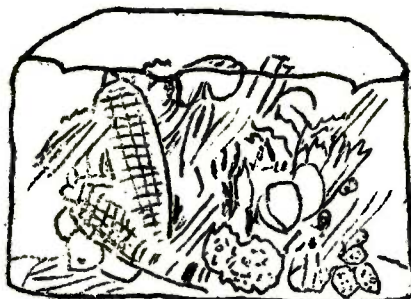
The month of August ushers in a two-month lesson on Draperies and Window Treatments. Due to time out in July for a vacation, and a conflict in Miss Grace Ryan's plans it will not be possible for me to be prepared to give this lesson during the first week of August. Those clubs missing this first lesson will get it in September, so you will not miss out entirely. The clubs meeting the remainder of the month will make a study of window problems and what to do to each one. The more of you who have problems to discuss the better our discussion will be.

LET'S REDECORATE



FREEZING NOTES

A Freezing Demonstration has been planned for the Stewart Homemaker's meeting. Others in this vicinity who are interested are welcome to attend.



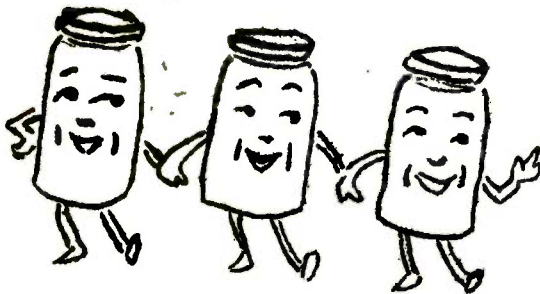
This is the time of year for all of us to work hard at canning and freezing the foods we will need next winter.

Whether you are canning or freezing, the main things to remember are to use good firm fruits or vegetables, wash them thoroughly, and handle as quickly as possible.

# CAN! CAN!

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## What About Can Lids?

A check at several stores seems to indicate that the lids are of better quality, but don't take chances -- test them with your thumb nail before you buy them. They should be soft and pliable, and hold your nail print on them. Otherwise, do not buy them! Spoilage often times comes from a poor seal. Check your jars

for signs of leakage a few days after you have canned the food. This type of spoilage usually shows up immediately, and if caught in time, the food can be processed and canned again.

## WHERE DOES MY CLUB MEET?

Here is the schedule of meetings for the month of August:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Meeting Place</u>	<u>Subject</u>
August 5	- Stewart	- Mrs. D. W. Ogden's new home	- Freezing of Foods
" 11	- Webb Mother's Club	- Mrs. Geo. Kelly 1480-19th St., Douglas	- Window Treatments
" 12	- Frontier	- Mrs. Phyllis Kennedy	" "
" 13	- Cochise	- Mrs. Ova Keeth	" "
" 17	- Double Adobe	- Mrs. Albert Bond	" "
" 18	- Valley Women's Club	- Mrs. Lois Rundell	" "
" 19	- Silver Creek	- Mrs. B. L. Olson	" "
" 20	- Bisbee Divide	- (Not reported)	" "
" 24	- Westside Club	- " "	" "
" 26	- Apache (Sew-What Club)	- " "	" "
" 27	- Bisbee Junction	- " "	" "

## Household Hints

The following hints have been sent in so I will pass them on to you:

### Baking a tasty pumpkin pie

Mrs. Helen Olson of the Webb Mother's Club suggests that you bake the pie crust first when making a pumpkin pie. Then put the pumpkin mixture in the shell and bake as usual.

### Storage of jar rubbers

Mrs. R. G. McBride, also of Webb Mothers, suggests that the jar rubbers, used with zinc lids may be stored between seasons in a jar of flour.

### Cleaning an oven

Several women have mentioned this method - try dislodging the crusted, burned material on the oven floor by placing a small bowl of strong ammonia, or a large cloth saturated with ammonia, in the oven when the oven is not in use. If allowed to set over night, many stubborn crust may be loosened.

### Save your curtains and keep your temper

Betty Craig, secretary in the County Agent's Office, suggests that many a curtain could be saved if you would cover the end of the rod with adhesive tape, when running the rod through the heading of freshly laundered curtains.

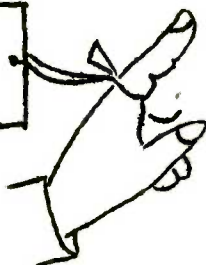


# IMPORTANT EVENTS OF THE MONTH

H.D.A. Conference - This annual affair will be held August 23 - 28. Again I shall have to call upon local leaders to help out. For those clubs meeting during that week I would suggest that the presidents contact me and make arrangements for their local leaders to get the lesson on Window Treatments, either direct from me, or by attending some other club meeting in your vicinity.

Local Leader's Training Meeting - August 30 and 31. This is to prepare local leaders for the second "Window Treatment" lesson, which will consist of actual drapery construction methods. Time and place will be announced later.

Don't Forget



Pre-School Clinic - Don't forget to have your first grader examined before starting to school. This can be done either at the Community Health Center or with your own doctor. There is a special clinic open in Willcox on the 3rd Wednesday of the month just for this check-up, and booster shots will be given if needed. I am sure there are others over the

county. Check with your Health Unit Nurse. Tell your neighbors about this, and let's have a good report on it in September at the County Council meeting.

County Council Meeting - This will be held sometime in September in Douglas. More complete announcements will be made later.

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Where to Get Rodent Poisons - United Producers and Consumers Coop., Willcox  
Smith Mercantile Company, San Simon  
Elfrida Mercantile Co., Elfrida

NEW and OLD BULLETINS - Send request to me.

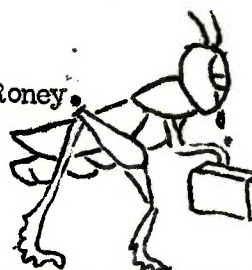
Household Insect Control, used at insect control meetings by Dr. J. N. Roney.

Control of Garden Pests, Also used at those meetings.

Scorpions (with special sheet on centipedes, spiders, etc.), suggested by Dr. Roney. This includes a clean-up campaign, insecticides to use, and treatment of bites.

Washing Windows, a leaflet prepared by Miss Grace Ryan, giving some good pointers and cleaning solution recipes.

Home Canning of Fruits and Vegetables, a USDA bulletin which has just been out about a year, giving new time charts on canning methods.



EXIT

Sincerely,

Mae Baldrige

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## SAMPLES OF THE USE OF THE COUNTY LETTER

### Household Hints Disseminated In County Agent's Bulletin

An exchange of household hints is being conducted by the members of the various Cochise county clubs under the supervision of Mrs. Mae Baldrige, county home demonstration agent. The ideas are submitted to Mrs. Baldrige who includes them in her news bulletin issued from time to time to the clubs.

Mrs. Helen Olson of the Webb Mother's club has suggested that the cook bake her pie crust first when making a pumpkin pie. Then, she suggests, she put the pumpkin mixture in the shell and bake as usual.

Mrs. R. . McBride has a word to the wise on the storage of jar rubbers. It is her suggestion that the jar rubbers used with zinc lids be stored between seasons in a jar of flour.

And to those interested in canning Mrs. Baldrige volunteers the information that a check at several stores indicates that the lids are of better quality, but warns prospective canners not to take chances, and to test them with their thumb nail before they buy them. According to Mrs. Baldrige the lids should be soft and pliable and hold the nail print on it. Otherwise, she warns, do not buy them, as spoilage often comes from a poor seal.

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### Homemaker Club Meetings for Month Listed

The schedule of homemaker club meetings for the month of August has been announced by Mrs. Mae Baldrige, county home demonstration agent. Subjects for discussion at the meetings will concern the freezing of foods and window treatments.

The month of August, according to Mrs. Baldrige, will usher in a two-month lesson on draperies and window treatments. Because of conflicting engagements it will be impossible to give all of the clubs their first lessons in window problems in August, so clubs missing the lesson will receive theirs in September.

Meeting dates are as follows, Aug. 5, Stewart club at home of Mrs. D. W. Ogden, where the freezing of foods will be discussed; Aug. 11, Webb Mother's club with Mrs. George Kelly, 1480 Nineteenth street.

Aug. 12, Frontier club with Mrs. Phyllis Kennedy; Aug. 13, Cochise club, home of Mrs. Ova Keeth; Double Adobe with Mrs. Albert Bond; Valley Women's club with Mrs. Lois Rundell; Silver Creek club with Mrs. B. L. Olson. All of the clubs, but the first mentioned, are to discuss window treatment.

FIRST AND SECOND PLACE WINNERS OF HOMEMAKERS CLUBS  
EXHIBITS AT COUNTY FAIR



McNeal

Ladies

Aid



Bisbee  
Junction

Mrs. Chas.  
Hall is show-  
ing spectat-  
ors some of  
their prize  
stenciling.



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### Fairs, cont

Cochise County Fair  
their articles for show. The Agent spent four days at the Fair which was held September 24th through 26th. The entries in the Domestic Arts and Canning Departments were brought in on September 23rd and judging was started on these soon after noon on that same day. This made it possible to arrange these articles for exhibit before the Fair opened. It is hoped that this type of arrangement will be continued.

The Homemakers Clubs were asked to set up club exhibits as an added feature to the Fair. Awards were given for four different classifications - their exhibits as a whole, house dress display, stenciling and kitchen storage suggestions. Six clubs and one Relief Society participated in this competition.

The County Fair was held at the Bisbee - Douglas Airport in a large hangar. This was a better and larger building, and proved to encourage more entries. Efforts are being made by the Fair Board to obtain this hangar at the Airport location as permanent fair property.

### Other Fairs

The Agent spent one day in October in the St. David Community judging at their F.F.A. - F.H.A. sponsored community fair. This was a revival of this type of fair, there having been none since the war.

The Agent spent two days at the Graham County Fair, assisting Mrs. Elizabeth Eby of Phoenix, with the judging.

The Agent did not attend the State Fair. The homemakers were encouraged to send entries, and this office was used as a collection depot.

### Radio

The Agent assisted in making seven broadcasts before the County Fair. The Agent gave pointers in selecting articles and superintendents of departments were interviewed. The Agent gave one broadcast after the Fair explaining some of the judges comments.

### News

News articles were published giving general plans of the Fair and the part the homemakers were to play. A follow-up article was published giving the placings of the Homemaker's Clubs and the names of those who worked on their exhibits.

## ANNOUNCING COCHISE COUNTY FAIR

### HOMEMAKER'S EXHIBITS

# *Homemakers Clubs to Exhibit House Dresses, Stencilling As New County Fair Feature*

A new department will be featured at the Cochise County Fair, which will be held at the Douglas-Bisbee air base hangar, Sept. 24, 25 and 26.

It will be an exhibit of the work done by the Homemakers' Clubs of Cochise County under supervision of Mrs. Mae Baldrige, home demonstration agent, during the past year.

The two outstanding projects have been the making of correctly designed house dresses and stencilling.

The making of these dresses was under the supervision of the "clothing leaders," two members of each club appointed to attend work meetings held under the sponsorship of the clothing specialist of the Extension Service of the University of Arizona. The leaders demonstrated what they had learned, to the members of their respective clubs.

So many outstanding garments were made that one of the Douglas department stores exhibited a number of them in their show windows.

The idea of having a separate exhibit for the work of the clubs originated with the Stewart Homemakers' Club, of which Mrs. P. H. Pregonzer is president. The fair board decided that it would be an attraction at the fair to have the Homemakers' groups compete against each other, and prizes will be offered for the best club exhibit. Most of the groups have made a number of artistic pieces with stencilling on them, and these, too, will be shown in the competition.

A separate room is being set aside for this exhibit. Mrs. Baldrige will boost the idea to all the groups meeting before the fair. It is hoped that the other groups also will get their work together and see that their clubs are represented.

All domestic arts and canned goods must be entered by noon on the Sept. 23 in order that they may be judged and be in place for the opening of the fair on the 24th.

FRONTIER HOMEMAKER, MRS. VIRGIL FREY, ON RIGHT,  
SETS UP COUNTY FAIR ART EXHIBIT AT LAST  
MINUTES NOTICE



(No one would accept the Superintendency  
of this Department)

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TABLE SHOWING PROGRAM AS ACHIEVED  
Cochise County

Extension Organization & Planning

Clubs	County Council February Att.	County Council September Att.	County Life Conference Att.	Cochise County Fair			
				Placings Special Exhibits			
				Club	Stencil	House Dress	Kitchen Storage
Cochise	2		3	x		1st	
Sulphur Springs	3						
Stewart	29	3	8	x		x	
Webb Mother's	2	3	3	x		3rd	
McNeal Ladies Aid	2	3		x 1st			
Frontier	4	1					
Double Adobe	1	2		x 3rd	2nd	2nd	1st
Silver Creek	3	2					
Valley Women	2	2	1				
Bisbee Divide	4	4					
Westside Club	3	10	4				
Apache	1	2	2				
Bisbee Junction	4			x 2nd	1st		
Pomerene Relief Society			2	x	3rd		
Dragoon Womans Club	2	2					
Others (Exten- sion, etc.)	8	2	7				



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## HOUSE AND FURNISHINGS

### Window Treatments and Drapery Construction

Two months of the year were devoted to the study of problem windows and the construction of draperies. The Specialist spent two days in the county helping the Agent gather together material for the problem window lesson. The Agent spent two days in Tucson with two other agents and the Specialist in preparing for the drapery lessons.

The Specialist had a loan kit of window frames and several curtain treatments for each. The Agent used this kit at the nine club meetings, at which 137 women were in attendance. These frames represented long, short and odd windows, and groups of windows. The women gained quite a bit from this type of a demonstration, and at least 25 of them seemed to have found the answer to their own window problems. One woman reports that she has fixed a single window near a corner wall space by draping only one side of the window and using potted plants at the corner, as was suggested in the demonstration.

The drapery lessons were given by club leaders. Two leader training meetings were held in the south end of the county. Five clubs were represented at the first one and three clubs at the second one. From these, six report having given the lesson. The Pomerene Relief Society women report that they will give theirs in the near future. The Agent gave this demonstration to the three clubs in the northern end of the county, and to the Bisbee Junction women, whose leader was unable to attend the entire training program. All in all ten clubs have studied this project with a total attendance of 124.

This lesson was divided into three parts:

1. Types of material and draperies
2. General construction methods
3. Fixtures and accessories

The most emphasis was made upon the general construction methods. Samples of mitering corners and french pleats were made with paper towels first and then the leaders made their own cloth samples. At the club meetings they supplied the members with paper towels and they were pleased with the way the women responded to this type of teaching.

As a result of this work on draperies several requests have come to the Agent for help in selecting materials suitable for making draperies and slip covers. As a whole these two months of work were very gratifying.

### Slip Covers

The Bisbee Divide women conducted their own work shop and made slip covers for one of the members. More interest is being taken in this type of work again and there will no doubt be more work shops held this coming year.

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### Upholstery

The Specialist spent three days in the county to help the Agent work out some upholstery background and lessons. Although no work has been done with this project yet, there is a work shop scheduled for the middle of December with the House of Neighborly Service.

### Floor Plans

The Agent and the Specialist spent one evening with four families in the Elfrida community on the use of the Cut-Out Books. Mrs. Ralph Statler seemed to get the most out of this study for she was planning a new home. The foundation for this home has now been poured.

Other new homes have been built in the county and the Agent has been called upon to help with floor plans, especially those for the kitchen.

### Kitchen Storage

The work started last fall on Kitchen Storage still shows up. The homemakers have reported having made 12 new spice shelves this year, 14 have reported installing new equipment, 7 have rearranged their kitchens and 11 have improved their kitchen storage.

The Agent gave a talk to the Dragoon Woman's Club in May, and used the Kitchen Storage lesson, showing how to make spice and step shelves in order to use the available space to a better advantage. Since the Agent has not met with these women any more this year it is difficult to estimate the work that has been done as a result of this demonstration.

Mrs. Mary Dolin of McNeal helped her husband build her kitchen cupboards and she is very proud of the fact that they are at convenient depths to fit her needs, instead of the conventional carpenter's type.

### Radio

The Agent conducted two 15-minute radio talks, one on the Drapery lesson giving simple pointers of construction, and the other on the use of the Farm House Cut-Out Book.

### News

The Agent announced the Problem Window and Drapery lessons through the County Letter which went to all of the Homemakers. The schedule of these meetings was published in the two daily papers in the county.

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News, cont.

The Agent wrote one news story as a follow-up of the Kitchen Storage lessons last fall. When the State Office sent out the news story on the number of utensils needed in a kitchen, the Agent added to this a story of the storage space needed too.

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REPORT OF PROJECTS STUDIED  
Cochise County

House and Furnishings

Interior Decoration		Problem Windows		Drapery Construction		Use of Cut-Outs for Floor Plans		Kitchen Storage	
No. Clubs	Att.	No. Clubs	Att.	No. Clubs	Att.	No. Clubs	Att.	No. Clubs	Att.
2	45	9	137	10	124	1	8	1	13
By Agent		All Agent Work		6 by Leaders 4 by Agent		By Specialist		By Agent	

TABLE SHOWING PROGRAM AS ACHIEVED  
Cochise County

House and Furnishings

Clubs Who Reported	Slip Covers			Construction of Draperies			Kitchen Improvements			
	No. Meetings	No. Helped	No. Made	No. Meetings	No. Helped	No. Made	Step Shelves Made	New Equipment	Better Storage	Kitchens Rearranged
Sulphur Springs				2	1	4 pr		3	2	
McNeal Ladies Aid				2	1	3	7	2	4	1
Stewart	3	2	5	7	2	34 (5 homes)		3		
Silver Creek							1	1	4	4
Bisbee Junction								1		
Bisbee Divide	5	10	5	1		2		1		
Cochise							2	1		
Westside Club								1	1	1
Double Adobe							2	1		1
Totals	8	12	10	12	4	43	12	14	11	7

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## NUTRITION

In February the Agent discussed Vegetable Cookery with eight of the women at the House of Neighborly Service. The Basic 7 Chart was used and then proper cooking habits were considered. The Agent made 5-minute cabbage and each of the women tasted it and were very surprised and pleased with the result. Two women report that they have used this method ever since and that their family likes cabbage now, although they had refused to eat it before.

Also, in February the Agent talked to a group of 38 of the Farm Home Ownership men and women. Mr. George Freestone, at the Douglas F.H.O. Office, had made a summary of seven families spending habits during 1947, and he found that 40% of the income was spent on food. He asked the Agent to emphasize saving through better meal planning and preparation. The Basic 7 Chart was used as a starting point.

### Feeding the Family

The October lesson was "Feeding the Family on a Low Income". Some of the clubs were behind in their work and did not get this lesson until in November. A better report of the value of this lesson will have to come in next year's report.

This lesson was given in three parts to the 213 women -

1. Showing of Wright Family slides
2. Discussion of food costs, better buymanship, and importance of well balanced meals.
3. Meal planning and shopping lists made out

The Agent explained each slide and conducted a discussion around them. Then the importance of protein foods was stressed, and pointers on cutting costs of these foods were brought out. Ten points were given for better buying habits.

Every woman at these meetings was asked to make out a menu schedule for three days. After these were made the women scored them with a score card. Shopping lists were then made to the best of their knowledge.

The Agent asked that each woman make out a menu for a week, score it, make out a shopping list, and use them, then report back on the results at a later meeting.

375 bulletins were taken at these meetings. Those most in demand were "Money-Saving Main Dishes", "Meal Planning Made Easier", and "Meat For Thrifty Meals."

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### Radio

The Agent gave two radio talks on the lesson called "Feeding the Family". The first lesson was devoted to explaining the Basic 7 Charts and the bulletins available. One request has come in since this broadcast. During the second broadcast the Agent discussed the ten pointers for better buying.

### News

The County Letter carried a news story of the lesson on "Feeding the Family on a Low Income." This letter went to all of the Homemakers and to the news papers and radio stations.



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NUTRITION

Clubs	Subject	Attendance	Work Accomplished	Value
Sulphur Springs	Feeding the Family	11	1. Menus planned at meetings for 3 days	1. Lower food costs
Cochise	"	15	2. Basic 7 Charts studied	2. Better meals served
Stewart	"	18	3. Buying habits changed	
Webb Mothers Club	"	16		
McNeal Ladies Aid	"	19		
Frontier	"	13		
Double Adobe	"	24		
Valley Women	"	28		
Bisbee Divide	"	8		
Westside Club	"	15		
Apache	"	24		
Willcox Junior Womans Club	"	22		
Farm Ownership Group	Family Nutrition	38		
House of Neighborly Ser.	Vegetable Cookery	8	1. Basic 7 Charts studied 2. Cooking procedures stressed 3. 5-minute cabbage demonstrated	1. Better balanced meals
Total	14 dems.	259		



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## FOOD PRODUCTION

### Poultry

It was decided that since the women do most of the baby chick buying and handling they should plan into the program a Special Interest project on this subject. Mr. W. R. Van Sant, Poultry Specialist, gave a very timely talk to six groups with a total attendance of 64. The Specialist called attention to the need for buying chicks from accredited hatcheries as well as for taking care of them during their growing period.

It is regreted that there were not more people out to these meetings but the Agent feels that it was well worth the efforts from the increase in bulletin requests.

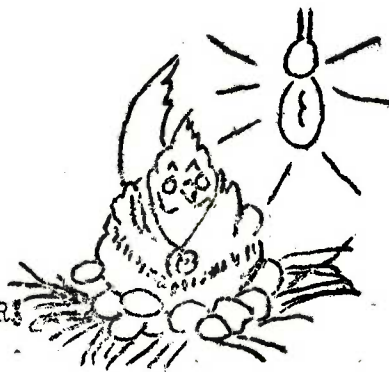
News articles were published announcing the time and place for each of these meetings. 322 letters were also mailed to interested groups.

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BABY CHICK DAYS ARE GETTING CLOSER AND CLOSER!

With feed prices so high we want to make sure of making a wise selection of chicks and feed so as to get the most out of them.

Mr. W. R. Van Sant, Extension Specialist in Poultry, will be in the county to give talks on Selection, Feeding and Care of Baby Chicks. Here is his schedule. Come and bring your neighbors.

February 9

2:00 p.m. - Pomerene - L.D.S. Chapel  
7:30 p.m. - Willcox - High School

February 10

2:30 p.m. - Homer McBride Ranch - Double Adobe  
7:30 p.m. - Whitewater School - Elfrida

February 11

2:30 p.m. - W. E. Foster Ranch - Silver Creek



Sincerely,

*Mae Baldridge*

(Mrs.) Mae Baldridge  
County Home Demonstration  
Agent  
Willcox, Arizona

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## FOOD PRESERVATION AND STORAGE

### Pressure Canner Gage Testing

During the summer months the Agent conducted a pressure canner testing campaign. 12 Homemaker's Clubs, 2 Relief Societies, and the Farm Home Ownership Office participated. 71 lids and gages were tested, and 15 of these were off more than two pounds. Of the 68 safety valves tested, 42 popped off more than two pounds under or over 22 pounds pressure. Quite a number of these were found to be dirty and corroded. The Agent helped clean a few valves and gave the recommended cleaning instructions to all who needed them.

Since these clinics were held at regular club meetings it gave the Agent an opportune time to discuss proper canning techniques to the women. The many different types of spoilage were also discussed and a large spoilage chart was left with each club food chairman.

An open discussion was then held and many questions were answered. One woman said she cuts corn canning time in half and gets good results. After going over the reasons for the recommended time and temperature with her, she was convinced that she has just been lucky in the past.

Mrs. Byron Forsyth of Sulphur Springs reports that she is sure that all women use the many canning tips that have come to them through this office over the past several years.

### Freezing

Only one talk was given this past year on Freezing. This was at the Stewart Homemaker's Club. Since this club has had demonstrations in the past on wrapping techniques, the Agent devoted most of the time to discussing the general methods of wrapping and packaging food for freezing, and selection and use of freezing equipment. Many questions were asked and answered.

The Grizzle peaches were very good this year and quite a few of them were frozen by many of the Homemakers. The news article from Tucson on the amounts of ascorbic acid to be used was very timely as several requests had been made in this respect.

### Radio

The Agent conducted a fifteen minute radio program on canning and freezing tips.

### News

The Agent announced the pressure canner testing and bulletins available through the County Letter, which goes to all of the Homemakers, the newspapers and radio stations.

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Food Preservation and Storage

Club	No. Canners Tested	No. Off 2# or More	Incorr- ect Safety Valve Pop-off	Bulle- tins Given Out	State Fair		County Fair		Freezing	
					Women	Entries	Women	Entries	Att.	Given by
Sulphur Springs				20	3	11	1	5		
Cochise	4	2	2	15			1	1		
Stewart	5	1	3	15	2	17	1 1/4-H	18	31	Agent
Webb Mother's Club	3	1	2	23			2	9		
McNeal Ladies Aid	3			8	2	1 1/4	3	17		
Frontier	3	1	1	10			1	3		
Double Adobe	6	1	2	4	1	11	2	5		
Valley Women	5	1	5	11	1	1	2	7		
Silver Creek	2			10			1	4		
Bisbee Divide	6	1	3	22						
Westside Club	1	1	1							
Apache	3		2	15			1	2		
Bisbee Junction	5		5							
Others	4	1								
Whitewater Rel.	8	4	6	10						
Pomerene Relief	13	2	10	42						
Total	71	16	42	205	8	54	16	72	31	1- Agent

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Food Preservation and Storage

Countywide

Type of Preservation	Number of Individuals	Work Accomplished Quarts	Value
Canning	Not Reported	Fruits 15,000 Vegetables 21,400 Meats 3,600	\$ 20,000.00
Freezing	Not Reported	Pounds Fruits 2,000 Vegetables 600 Meats 40,000	200.00 60.00 18,000.00
Dehydration	Not Reported	Apples 200	20.00



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## FOOD SELECTION AND PREPARATION

### Serving A Buffet Meal

Ten groups with a total attendance of 167 used a planned menu and studied how to serve a Buffet Meal. The menu planned by Miss Reva Lincoln, Nutrition Specialist, and the Agent, was chicken casserole, beet salad, cabbage salad, fruit cup, peanut cookies, and hot rolls.

Miss Lincoln spent two days in the county on this lesson.

It was found that the casserole was rather expensive and one group of women who could not spare the chickens made a tamale pie instead.

The purpose of this lesson was to establish better serving habits at the regular club meetings, to encourage planned meals instead of pot luck, and to show how simple table decorations can be used.

As a result of this lesson the Agent has noticed that nearly all of the clubs women arrange their tables better. Those who use card tables are now setting them so as to eliminate having to carry silver and the beverage along with a plate.

Pot luck meals are still the accepted form for clubs. Most of the women seem to think that a planned meal is too much of a hazzard here because of the great distances to travel and the lack of a rural mail delivery and phones. It is too difficult to keep in contact with one another. However, the women did like the menu very well, and have used it many times over. Especially the beet salad. The Stewart women used tamale pie for the casserole and used this same menu to serve the County Council which met in Willcox in February.

The women report having served 22 meals in their homes as a result of this demonstration and 13 planned buffet meals at their club meeting. The recipes have been used 44 times.

When the Agent met with the Sulphur Spring group early in November they were filling out their report on the Buffet Meals. Mrs. Byron Forsyth reminded the Agent that much of this training goes on from year to year. She stated that she is still making butter and cheese as Clyde Rowe demonstrated it many years ago. Her butter and cheese usually take a prize at the State Fair, too.

### Radio

The Agent conducted a fifteen minute radio program on making an Outdoor fireplace and gave directions for frying chicken in a butter sauce over this fireplace.

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Food Preparation

Clubs	Lesson on Buffet Meals		Buffet Meals in Homes	Buffet Meals at Club	Recipes Used
	Att.	Given by			
Sulphur Springs	7	Agent	3	1	4
Cochise	19	Agent & Spec.	3	2	4
Stewart	39	Agent	2	2	8
Webb Mothers Club					
McNeal Ladies Aid	21	Agent	2	1	2
Frontier	21	Agent	2	2	5
Double Adobe	6	Agent	2	1	3
Valley Women's Club	28	Agent	3	2	4
Silver Creek	7	Agent	3	1	5
Bisbee Divid					
Westside Club	15	Leader	2	1	4
Apache					
Bisbee Junction	4	Leader			5
Totals	167	7 Agent 2 Leader 1 Spec.	22	13	44

## ANNOUNCING INSECT CONTROL MEETINGS

INSECT CONTROL  
MEETINGS IN COUNTY

Last week Dr. J. N. Roney, Extension Entomologist, was in this county for a series of talks on Insect Control. These meetings were planned by the Home-maker's Clubs of this county. Over a hundred people were in attendance at the five meetings and the following communities were represented: Stewart, Willcox, Pomerene, Cochise, Sulphur Spring, Webb, Elfrida, McNeal, Double Adobe, Frontier, Silver Creek, Douglas, Bisbee Junction, and Bisbee Divide.

Bulletins were distributed to all those present at these meetings. Titles are "Household Insects," "Control of Garden Pests" and "Scorpions," and may be obtained free of charge by sending a request to the County Agent's Office, Box 502, Willcox.

Dr. Roney spoke on community fly and mosquito control, using DDT spray in oil for household use and a wettable form of 50 per cent DDT in water for outside spraying. He pointed out that some communities have entirely eliminated flies and mosquitoes in their areas. He stated that Winslow has started a community control campaign of this sort.

Other insects that were discussed were cockroaches, silver fish clothes moths, bedbugs, cereal weevils, rats, mice and several garden insects. He also stressed

immediate attention to scorpion bites.

Dr. Rooney will be back in this county on July 26 and 27 for a series of talks on cotton insect control. The time and place will be announced later.

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## HEALTH AND SAFETY

### Insect Control

One month was set aside for insect control in the county program. The Specialist, new County Agent and the Home Demonstration Agent attended combined meetings of clubs at the five talks given. 13 communities were represented with a total attendance of 144.

The Specialist outlined the necessity for Insect Control and gave several methods for home use. Emphasis was made on household pests, but many questions were asked about garden insects too.

It is the opinion of the Agent that more work on this subject is needed. Perhaps here too, we need a "Call for Action", the next time.

While in the County, the Specialist spoke to a class of Veterans at Willcox on livestock and field insects. 35 were in attendance.

The City of Douglas and Agua Prieta staged two fogging demonstrations in August and September. The City of Douglas now owns a fogging machine and plans to start using it early next spring.

### Miscellaneous

155 of the Fire Hazard Questionnaires and 90 of the Save Grain by Killing Rats bulletins were distributed.

Attention has been called to the homemakers of any health or safety campaign being promoted. News articles were published and the radio stations were supplied with timely information. During the National Farm Safety Week, the radio stations were supplied with material for each day of the week.

Miss Marjorie Fairly, Health Unit Nurse, attended the Stewart Homemakers meeting in August and outlined to them the county health situation.

Mrs. W. L. Chastain of Stewart has kept an intensive study of the county health program and made a report at both the County Council meetings. She reports that there were 12,514 X-Rays for T.B. taken by the Chest Mobile this past spring and summer.

### Radio

One 15-minute radio talk by the Specialist was given over the Douglas Station while he was in the county for the Insect Control meetings.

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News

Announcements of the schedule for the Insect Control meetings were in all five of the county papers. The Agent also called attention to these in the County Letter



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## FAMILY ECONOMICS AND HOME MANAGEMENT

One meeting was held on the subject "Are you Run Ragged", with the Bisbee Divide Homemakers. 16 women were present. This discussion included fatigue charts, proper working tools, and heights, and some simple exercises for relaxation. This was a climax to the Kitchen Storage lessons -- aiming at the dire need of proper working heights.

The month of May was set aside on the County Program for the subject "Arizona Woman and Property Laws". Five clubs invited a lawyer during this month and seven other communities held similar meetings during the summer. Mr. Paul Waltz at Willcox visited the Stewart, Cochise and Sulphur Springs meetings. Mr. A. E. Deddins of Bisbee, talked to the two Bisbee clubs at a combined meeting. Mr. John Pintek of Bisbee met with the six groups in the Elfrida to Double Adobe communities at a combined meeting at McNeal. The Silver Creek women invited Mr. Henry Beumler to a special meeting. A total of 107 persons attended these meetings.

Each of the lawyers outlined the Arizona Property Laws and how they affect the women in the State. They also spent a considerable amount of time on wills. This seemed to create the most questions of all.

The Agent feels that the women definitely are better prepared for legal transactions as a result of these talks. Perhaps the next step should be to set aside a program with a "Call to Action" -- such as definite instructions for making out wills.

As a result of these talks, the Dragoon Women's Club requested a talk of this sort. The Agent recommended the Willcox lawyer to them.

## Radio

The Agent made a fifteen-minute broadcast using a leaflet compiled by Miss Grace Ryan, Home Management Specialist, on "Your Stove Needs Daily Care", at the Douglas Station. At a Dinner Bell program with Miss Madeline Barley and the other Agents, the Agent told of the county program project, called "Arizona Woman and Property Laws."

## News

A news article was published announcing the meeting of the combined group at McNeal for the Lawyer's talk, "Arizona Woman and the Property Laws."

# Homemaker's House Dress Exhibit

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The Dress on The Mannequin is Made out of Feed Sacks.

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## CLOTHING AND TEXTILES

### Making a Comfortable House Dress

The outstanding project of the year was this one in clothing. Three leader's training meetings were held in Willcox and three in Douglas. An average of seven groups were represented at the Douglas meetings, and four at the Willcox meetings. The Clothing Specialist spent nine days in the county helping with this project.

This project was planned to cover a period of three months and the training lessons were given just prior to the next month's work. The following points were discussed:

#### At the first lesson -

1. Need for a comfortable house dress
2. U.S.D.A. approved patterns
3. Dress Revue of dresses made by these patterns
4. How to make measurements and record on the measurement cards
5. Altering patterns as a result of these measurements

#### Second lesson -

1. Fitting alterations
2. Use of seam guides, tracing wheel, and dressmakers carbon paper
3. How to put in stay lines

#### Third lesson -

1. Final Fitting
2. How to put in sleeves
3. Hemming lock stitch
4. Easy method for making button-holes

All of the 13 Homemakers Clubs received this training and also, 2 Relief Societies and the House of Neighborly Service with an average attendance being 214 for each month. 96 dresses were made by the U.S.D.A. approved patterns. 189 other house dresses were made by club members, and 22 by others (friends, etc.). 143 measurement cards were filled out and 99 reported having used them. Six clubs conducted special work meetings for those interested in this project.

Of all the things which were taught the women report that they particularly liked the following things -- buttonholes, hemming stitch, turning seams together (instead of pressing them open), stay lines, fitting problems, hem markers, and seam guides.

Many women report that they did not know of what value the seam guide was until this lesson. They report that now they can hardly sew without it.

A preacher's wife in Douglas happened to call at one of my homemaker's homes at McNeal during this lesson and was thrilled with the information given in the bulletins and immediately ordered some for herself.



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The Mexican women at the House of Neighborly Service were very pleased with this lesson. Miss Frances Gilbert, their supervisor, reports that one of them has asked for more sewing lessons and tells of what a world of good she got out of the House Dress lessons.

Mary Dolin, who is a member of the McNeal Ladies Aid and is also the McNeal 4-H Club leader, reports that she even uses the pattern alterations directions on her husband's shirts. She borrowed a western shirt pattern from another 4-H leader, Mrs. White at Double Adobe, and has to alter it for Mr. Dolin. She says, "I cut and slashed the pattern just as the book said to do and the shirt came out perfect."

Nine house dresses were on display at J. C. Penny's Store in Douglas for a week. Along with these dresses, booklets used in the project, the pattern alteration charts, and small sewing equipment were also displayed. One dress had been made out of feed sacks by Mrs. Jim Glasscock, and it created quite a bit of comment. The store officials reported that they could have sold these dresses many times.

#### Consumer Speaks

Just prior to the House Dress lessons the Consumer Speaks program on house dresses was given to the Bisbee Divide women. An outstanding comment was that house dresses in large sizes are not becoming, and they hoped this could be improved upon. They were also concerned with the "new look" in dress lengths and agreed that three inches below the knee is long enough for working comfort.

#### The "New Look"

Three clubs discussed the "New Look" and how to cope with it, without buying new clothing. Seven dresses were brought to the meetings and many ideas were exchanged as to how to alter them. The Agent had 20 or 25 pictures showing various methods of altering garments. At the Stewart meeting three dresses and two slips were worn by members who had done an excellent job in making them longer.

#### Christmas Gift Ideas

Last December ten groups studied Christmas Gift Ideas. Patterns for toys were most sought after, and a cute little cigar box doll bed, made by Mrs. Lucille Tate at Elfrida, was copied many times over. In fact, the Agent made one of these for her own daughter for Christmas. Stenciling took second place in demand and many patterns were exchanged.

This year two clubs held their Christmas Gift Idea exchange early, and the other clubs are having it now in November.

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### Stenciling

During the month of June five of the Homemaker's Clubs conducted a stenciling meeting. This lesson was divided into three parts (1) Discussion of the types of material to be used and the painting equipment needed for fabric painting; (2) Selection and cutting of patterns; (3) Painting and instructions on setting the colors.

Each woman was required to cut her own stencil design and to mix her colors and actually paint a design at the meetings. This technique of teaching was very worthwhile, for the women were able to see their finished products immediately.

All year long the Bisbee Junction women have hired an instructor, Mrs. Laverne Williams, a former 4-H girl, to help them with their stenciling. They had an exhibit of this work at the County Fair and received many inquiries as to how to do this work. A long tablecloth was the center of attraction. This white linen cloth had been stenciled by members of the Bisbee Junction Homemakers Club and presented to Mrs. Chas. Hall for the use of her long dining room table for their stencil classes. As a result of this display, Mrs. Williams has been asked to give lessons at the Bisbee Y.W.C.A. and at Elfrida. Fifteen Homemakers attended the first meeting at Elfrida. The Agent has received a request from the San Simon Community for training in stenciling also.

It is impossible to estimate the amount of stenciling that is done each year, but every homemaker's Club has studied it and at least fifty women are stenciling articles for Christmas gifts. Patterns for luncheon cloths and handkerchiefs are the most in demand.

### Radio

The Agent, Specialist and five homemakers conducted a fifteen minute radio program on the House Dress project.

The Agent also conducted one fifteen minute program on Stenciling.



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House Dresses

Club	No. Months Carried	Dem. by Agent	Dem. by Leader	Made in Club	Made by Non-Home- maker	Using USDA Patterns	Measurement Cards Filled in	Cards used in Altering	Value
Sulphur Springs	3	1	3	8		8	10	8	\$48.00
Cochise	3	2	3	6		4	8	4	36.00
Stewart	3	1	3	26	8	18	25	15	204.00
Webb Mothers	3		3	60	10	5	4	4	420.00
McNeal Ladies Aid	2	1	1	12		3	12	9	72.00
Frontier	3		3	10	2	8	8	6	72.00
Double Adobe	3	2	2	16	2	5	16	11	108.00
Valley Women's Club	3	2	2	6		5	8	6	36.00
Silver Creek	3		3	7		9	7	7	42.00
Bisbee Divide	2	1	1	10		5	10	7	60.00
Westside Club	3		3	4		4	4	4	24.00
Apache	3	2	1	3		3	3	2	18.00
Bisbee Junction	3	2	2	5		5	5	2	30.00
Whitewater Relief Soc.	2	1	1	2		2	5	2	12.00
Pomerene Relief Soc.	3	1	3	8		8	15	8	48.00
House of Neighborly Ser.	3	3	1	6		4	6	3	36.00
TOTALS 16	13-3 Mo. 3-2 Mo.	19	35	189	22	96	143	99	\$1266.00

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Clothing and Textiles

Clubs	Christmas Gift Suggestions		Stenciling		"New Look"		Consumer Speaks	
	by Agent Att.	by Leader Att.	by Agent Att.	by Leader Att.	by Agent Att.	by Leader Att.	by Agent Att.	by Leader Att.
Sulphur Springs	10							
Cochise	14	15	10					
Stewart	45				25			
Webb Mothers	11							
McNeal Ladies Aid	21							
Frontier	15	12	13					
Double Adobe		12 15	7					
Valley Women's Club		18						
Silver Creek	11		14	10				
Bisbee Divide			18	14			14	
Westside Club	17	15			17			
Apache					16			
House of Neighborly Ser.					4			
Totals	144	87	62	24	62		14	

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## RECREATION AND COMMUNITY LIFE

### Christmas Parties

The month of December is always held out from the County Program plans for Special Christmas parties. Each of the 13 clubs conducted their own parties. Double Adobe, Frontier, Stewart, and Silver Creek make these parties especially attractive for the children, with gifts and Santa.

For the parties this coming December the Agent prepared a loan kit of games and stunts, and sent it on a Round Robin trip through the county. This should help make better planned parties.

### Extra Club Events

The Stewart Homemakers held their annual Birthday Dinner in February and the annual Family Night in August. They invite all the new people in the community to this Family Night event. There were 200 in attendance this year.

The Apache Homemakers held a picnic in connection with their June meeting.

Webb Mother's Club held a Family Picnic honoring the fathers on Father's Day and a Thanksgiving dinner in November for their husbands. They also assisted the Rodeo Ass'n with the annual Webb Rodeo. The Agent attended this and helped with serving the noon meal.

The Cochise Homemakers sponsored a Halloween party and an ice-cream social for money-making activities.

Double Adobe sponsored a Community Dance to raise money for their club.

The Sulphur Springs Homemakers held an apron and food sale just before Thanksgiving and made over \$50, which for their contribution to the Arizona Children's Home.

Double Adobe and Webb Mother's Club have made club quilts and Cochise made an afghan. They sold chances on these and held drawings for the winners.

### Farm Bureau Meetings

The Agent attended two Farm Bureau meetings. One was the Double Adobe meeting, and the second was a County meeting at McNeal. At this last meeting Mr. Downing of the Del Mar Canning Co. presented a talk on setting up a canning company in the county. This did not materialize. At this same meeting Miss Lorene Edwards of Tucson outlined the Blue Cross Plan for Farm Bureau Members

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### Other Community Meetings

The Agent attended the Barbecue and Open House at Rancho Sacatal on October 2nd. An estimated 500 guests attended.

The Agent attended the Rodeo in Douglas helping the 4-H Clubs with their Concession Stand. The Homemaker's Clubs donated food and money to them for this project.

The Agent also attended the Horse Show, which was held in connection with the County Fair.

### Rural Library Plans

The Agent was asked to present the Library film to the Willcox Rotary. Since the State Leader was in the county she was called upon to assist with this presentation.

The McNeal Ladies Aid and Double Adobe Homemakers invited Miss Jennie Welcome from Douglas, to present this film and talk to their club meetings. Double Adobe also made a display of the Rural Library needs at the County Fair.

Miss Welcome also presented this film and talk to the September County Council meeting.

Mrs. Pat Nowlin helped in presenting the rural library needs at the Country Life Conference.

Cochise has started it's own little loan library with Mrs. Wear in charge of the books.

### Arizona Children's Home

All of the Clubs make donations to the Arizona Children's Home. Rummage has been sent for the rummage store, and Christmas gift boxes were sent, as well as money donations and food.

The Agent attended a special meeting at the home of Mrs. Ruth Pregonzer in the Stewart community at which representatives from Cochise, Sulphur Springs, and Stewart heard a talk given by Miss Talbert. She outlined the purpose of the Children's Home and their needs.

### News

The Agent prepared an article on Easter Egg Dyeing, which was published in all of the county papers.



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## HOME BEAUTIFICATION

### Pruning

Five demonstrations on pruning and one talk on planting trees, shrubs and flowers were given by the Specialist during the month of January. The demonstrations were Special Interest meetings planned in the program for the year. There was a total attendance of 148 at these meetings. These pruning demonstrations were given in the Stewart, Elfrida, Bisbee, Bisbee Divide and Douglas areas. The Agent attended two of these, and noted that the people were very anxious to get this type of instruction. Plans now are to conduct this same type of demonstration for the next year.

### Landscaping

As a result of the pruning demonstrations requests came in for help in landscaping. The Douglas Chamber of Commerce has an agricultural committee that also is interested in home grounds improvement. Three homes were selected for this work -- and the Specialist conducted meetings at each of these. The homes used were the Homer McBride home in Double Adobe, the O. H. McLaughlin home in McNeal, and the James Glasscock home in Elfrida. The Specialist made recommendations for plantings and some of these have been carried out. The McLaughlins have had trouble with their planting and have found the soil to be deficient. See the County Agent's report for a more specific report on this.

These landscaping demonstrations were given quite a bit of publicity through the papers and radio, and others have requested this same demonstration in their communities. The Specialist answered one such request in the Hereford community at the Edgar Dinwiddie home by conducting a demonstration there in September. Another request from the Stewart area remains to be filled.

### Flower Arrangements

The Agent gave a demonstration on Flower Arrangements to the Valley Womens Club. Various members of the club supplied the flowers which were used in the demonstration. The Agent outlined to them the principals of flower arrangement and showed various ways of arranging boquets. Sand was used instead of frogs to show that it was not necessary to have the frogs for a nice arrangement of flowers.

### Radio

The Specialist, the Agent and Miss Breeze at Station KAWT, Douglas, conducted a 15-minute radio program on Landscaping and Pruning.



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## OUTLOOK AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### A. Organization

The women are a bit hesitant about taking the initiative and conducting their own meetings, even though they have been trained as leaders. It is hoped that this can be worked out as time goes on for time and mileage does not permit the Agent to go to every club meeting.

In planning the program for this coming year this situation was taken into consideration. The local club leaders will not be called upon for more than a month at a time, even though the subject studied is to cover two or more months. The Agent will plan to present the rest of the lesson herself.

A group in San Simon are asking for help and may plan to organize a Homemaker's Club in the near future. The women in the Rucker Canyon area would like to organize a club but most of them move into Douglas during the school year to get their children into school. This leaves too small a group for organization.

It is hoped that the new County Council president will be able to visit clubs throughout the county for the visits Mrs. Whitlow made were well worth the time it took in the closer unity it has created.

### B. Foods

From the requests on the program planning cards, it is recommended that food lessons should contain more demonstration and club participation in main dish preparations. The women have asked for "more cooking."

One group has asked for an intensive study of the Basic 7 foods, with a demonstration on how to cook a food out of each of these groups.

### C. Clothing and Textiles

Requests are for Sewing Machine Clinics and a study of the use of Attachments for the coming year's program.

There are several requests for tailoring too. It is hoped that the women will first learn more about the use of the measurement cards which they filled out during the House Dress lessons. They are not sure of themselves and are inclined to disregard the pattern alteration phase of sewing.

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#### D. Home Furnishings and Management

As a result of the Drapery Lessons, the Agent has had several requests for help in selection of drapery and upholstery materials, and more help in construction techniques. These should not be overlooked and time should be planned in the 1949 program for drapery and upholstery workshops.

#### E. Home Beautification

As the work on the landscaping develops, it is hoped that planned plots will be made and work set aside for each year from these. The Willcox area needs a project of this sort and since the David Ogden's have requested help, it is hoped that a result demonstration can be set up at their home.

#### F. County Fair

The Agent recommended that judging be held a day before opening day of the fair so that articles can be in place before the public is invited. This plan was followed to a certain extent this past year and proved beneficial.

In order to be fair to all clubs in the county, it is hoped that others outside of the Homemaker's Clubs will be invited to set up an exhibit, using a definite theme.

A judging score card should be established far enough ahead of time for all of them to study and use it as a basis for setting up their exhibits.

Some time also needs to be spent in setting up standards for judging all over the state so that all of the Agents and Specialists will be consistent in this work.

#### G. Community Needs

Most of the women are well aware of the need for more community activities, but are uncertain as to how to solve this. McNeal Ladies Aid, Webb Mother's Club and Bisbee Divide are making every effort to purchase a building for a Club House. Stewart, Sulphur Springs, Double Adobe and Frontier have a Club House which is being used for some of their meetings and all of the community activities.

Whether or not they have this Club House is not the problem as the Agent sees it. Their biggest problem is how to use available information in planning community get togethers. Too often a party is given but has not been

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G. Community Needs, cont.

well planned, and therefore, is not successful. One club has even asked the Agent to spend one whole club day showing them how to plan and execute a party.

In order to help satisfy this need in the county the Agent should plan to spend some time on how to improve community get togethers.

There is also a problem in Child Care and Guidance which should receive more countywide attention. The Agent has attempted to reach this need through the County Letter, and will continue to do so until it can be fitted into the county program. More emphasis should be put upon the pre-school clinic this coming year.